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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/504,660
Filing Date	February 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	William E. Hoke
Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	D. Kang
Attorney Docket Number	RTN2-047PUS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/STB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other PTO-1449 Form; 14 Cited References

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) required)
- b. ☒ Other Return Post Card

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50 - 0845
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed
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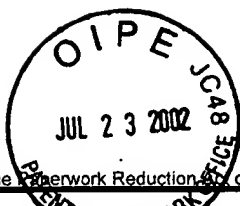
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METHOD OF PAYMENT

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Daly, Crowley & Mofford, LLP

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

- ☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money
Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Fee Fee Fee Fee Description

101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee

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SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**0****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims		-20** =	0	X	18	=	0
Independent Claims		-3** =	0	X	84	=	0
Multiple Dependent							

Large Entity Small Entity

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Code (\$) Code (\$) Fee Description

103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

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**or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Fee Code	Large Entity (\$)	Small Entity (\$)	Fee Code	Small Entity (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0
127	50	227	25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130		Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520		For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55		Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200		Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460		Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160		Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140		Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230		Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310		Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	740
169	900	169	900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$)**740****SUBMITTED BY**

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